**Kindergarten EATS Lesson Template**

**ELA Unit 2 – Concept: What is the main idea?**

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| **E** | **UEQ:** What is an informational text?  **LEQ:** What is the main idea? |
| **A** | **Option 1**: Read a simple informational text (short – 6 or so pages). Discuss what the story was “mainly” about. (a fish, a bird, etc.)  **Option 2**: Begin a discussion of main idea by focusing on seasons. Think of summer or winter. What do you wear? What do you do outside? The main idea could be – it is cold, it is hot, school is out, etc. |
| **T** | **Teaching Strategies Option 1:** Read a non-fiction text. Keep a tally chart and mark tallies each time the story discusses the main idea. (ex. In Life in the Ocean, mark a tally each time an ocean animal is discussed).  **Teaching Strategies Option 2:** Read a non-fiction story and build a Unifix tower, adding to it each time you hear the main idea. |
| **S** | **Option 1:** Think-pair-share: give student pairs little books. Have them determine and discuss with their partner what the main idea of each story is. Have students explain or justify their answer.  **Option 2:** After listening to a story, have students draw a picture to illustrate the main idea in their journals. |

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| **Vocabulary** | **Materials** | **Notes** |
| Main idea | Stories  Tally chart  Unifix cubes (if using)  Chart paper  Assorted stories  Student journals (if using) |  |